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SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS: LONG AN

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1. OF THE TWENTY THREE CANDIDATES WHO INITIALLY FILED FOR THE LOWER HOUSE NOM LONG AN (BASIC BIOGRAPHIC DATA REPORTED REFTEL), TWO WERE DISQUALIFIED AND ONE WITHDREW. TRAN QUANG LOAN AND LAM VAN QUANG WERE DISQUALI-

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FIED FOR FAILURE TO OBTAIN LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THEIR OFFICIAL POSITIONS. TRAN HONG THU WITHDREW.

2. OF THOSE REMAINING IN THE RACE THE FOLLOWING APPEAR

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TO HAVE THE BEST CHANCE OF WINNING (THERE ARE TWO SEATS AT STAKE IN LONG AN):

A. LE TAI HOA, CURRENT CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY DEPUTY FROM LONG AN. HOA IS ACTIVE, VOLUBLE, AND HAS PROVEN HIS ABILITY TO WIN VOTES IN LONG AN. HOA WAS A SOCCER STAR AT ONE POINT AND HIS RECORD REVEALS LITTLE TO DISTINGUISH HIM SINCE. HOA WAS A LACKLUSTER CA DEPTY, AND LOCAL LABOR OFFICIALS, AMONG OTHERS, CRITICIZE HIM FOR TALKING MUCH AND PRODUCING LITTLE. THERE ARE RUMORS VC SUPPORTED HOA IN CA RACE BECAUSE HE WAS CONSIDERED LIKELY TO PROVE AN INEFFECTIVE DEPUTY. HOWEVER, HOA IS STILL THE CANDIDATE WHOSE NAME IS MOST BEFORE THE PUBLIC.

B. TRAN VAN MEO, BUDDHIST, ARVN CAPTAIN, PROVINCIAL RD CHIEF, MEMBER OF TAN DAI VIET PARTY (RELATIVELY STRONG IN LONG AN). MAY NOT HAVE UNDIVIDED SUPPORT OF TDV, HOWEVER; THERE ARE REPORTS THAT TDV SPLIT BETWEEN MEO AND CANDIDATES HUYNH NGOC PHUONG AND NGUYEN HUU CAN

(SEE BELOW). MEO REPORTEDLY HAS BROADER LOCAL FOLLOWING THAN OTHER TWO AND ALSO PROBABLY HAS BACKING OF AT LEAST SOME OF RD WORKERS. MEO IS ALSO OFFICIAL CVT CANDIDATE AND WILL HAVE SUPPORT OF SMALL CVT ORGANIZATION IN LONG AN. MEO HAS BEEN POLITICKING HARD.

C. NGUYEN HUU CAN, BUDDHIST, MEMBER OF TAN DAI VIET PARTY, LANDLORD, MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL. CAN WAS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OFTRUONG DINH DZU; DZU ALMOST CARRIED LONG AN. CAN MAY HAVE BACKING OF NATIONAL TDV ORGANIZTION ALONG WITH PHUONG.

D. HUYNH NGOC PHUONG, ARVN LST LT, MEMBER OF TAN DAI VIET PARTY, ARMY DOCTOR STATIONED WITH 49TH REGIMENT, 25TH DIVISION, WHICH IS LOCATED IN LONG AN. PHUONG IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SOME MILITARY SUPPORT AS WELL AS BACKING (ALONG WITH CAN) OF NATIONAL TDV ORGANIZATION.

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E. CU KHAC HY, BUDDHIST, PRINCIPAL OF LARGE PRIVATE THAN TIEN HIGH SCHOOL IN LONG AN. HY HAS REPUTATION AS VIRTUOUS AND HONEST MAN AND HAS MANY FOLLOWERS AMONG HIS FORMER STUDENTS. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT ONE OF HY'S BROTHERS IS A LONG TIME VIET CONG MEMBER WHO IS HIGH-

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RANKING CADRE OPERATING PRESENTLY IN LONG AN AND DINH TUONG PROVINCES. RUMORS ARE AGAIN CIRCULATING IN LONG AN (AS THEY DID DURING RACE FOR CONSITUENT ASSEMBLY) THAT VC ARE URGING PEOPLE IF THEY MUST VOTE TO VOTE FOR LE TAI HOA BECAUSE HE IS LEAST CAPABLE CANDIDATE LIKELY TO WIN. OTHERS SAY, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE OF HY'S BROTHER HY WILL RECEIVE COVERT SUPPORT FROM THE VIET CONG.

3. OTHERS IN THE CONTEST:

NGUYEN VAN TIET, GRADUATE IN ADVANCED ADMINISTRATION, SAIGON; FORMERLY ASSISTANT TO DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF FOR ADMINISTRATION IN LONG AN, CURRENTLY EMPLOYEE OF MICH IN SAIGON;

TRAN VAN DO, CONFUCIANIST, PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, GENERAL SECRETARY OF LONG AN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, FORMER CANTON CHIEF IN CAN DUOC DISTRICT, LONG AN; RANKS AS "NOTABLE";

VO VAN CHAT, PRIMARY EDUCATION, BUSINESSMAN, MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL;

LE VJD DI, PRIMARY EDUCATION, CHAIRMAN, PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, OFFICIAL OF LOCAL COURT; RANKS AS "NOTABLE";

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TRUONG VAN TRANG, GRADUATE OF LYCEE PETRUS KY, SAIGON, TEACHER IN A PRIVATE SCHOOL IN CAN DUOC DSITRICT, LONG AN, HAS REPUTATION OF ANTI-FRENCH ACTIVITY DURING

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INDO-CHINA WAR:

TRAN NGOC BAN, SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, BUSINESS-MAN:

DOA NHUT LINH, SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, INSPECTOR FOR MICH IN SAIGON, HAS REPUTATION OF BEING ANTI-FRENCH AND ANTI-DIEM: POSSIBLE VNQDD CONNECTIONS: RAN FOR ASSEMBLY UNDER DIEM AND LOST:

TO YEN CHAU, SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION JOURNALIST, FORMER EDITOROF VARIOUS DAILIES INCLUDING "THOI SU MIEN HAM":

DINH TRONG KY, NORTHERN VIETNAMESE, SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, TEACHER AT PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN BEN LUC DISTRICT, LONG AN:

HUYNH VAN HUAN, SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, PRINCIPAL OF PRIVATE SCHOOL: REPRESENTED HUONG DUNG PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS:

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CAO NGOC KHU, PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, HAS WORKED FOR IVS IN MY THO:

NGUYEN DINH THUY, LAWYER AND FORMER TEACHER IN HUE AND DANANG:

LE DAI BANG, NORTHERN VIETNAMESE, SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, JOURNALIST:
NGUYEN CHI TRAI, CIVIL SERVANT:

NGUYEN VAN XUONG, MEMBER PROVINCAL COUNCIL.
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